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1. PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT FIGURES OSCAR COLLAZO, IRVING FLORES AND RAFAEL CANCEL MIRANDA, RECENTLY RELEASED AFTER 25 YEARS US FEDERAL IMPRISONMENT, RETURNED TO MEXICO FEBRUARY 17 TO ENCOURAGE SUPPORT FOR PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE. THE THREE HAD BEEN AMONG FEATURED ATTRACTIONS AT NOVEMBER 30-DECEMBER 2, 1979 "SECOND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF SOLIDARITY WITH PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE" (SEE MEXICO 20737). PRESS REPORTS DO NOT INDICATE WHAT ORGANIZATION SPONSORED THE VISIT, ALTHOUGH IN A NEWSPAPER PHOTOGRAPH OF ONE OF THE

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MEETINGS, A BANNER IS SEEN WITH INITIALS FAPU (PRESUMABLY A REFERENCE TO THE EL SALVADOR INSURGENT GROUP.) AS OF YET, WE HAVE NO INDICATIONS THAT GOM OR RULING PRI PARTY HAD ANY ROLE IN VISIT.

2. VISIT OF THE THREE TO MEXICO IS DESCRIBED IN PRESS AS BEING PART OF TRAVEL PROGRAM TO ENCOURAGE SOLIDARITY FOR PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE. SPEECHES AT MEXICO CITY RALLIES, FEBRUARY 17 AND 18, APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN UN-REMARKABLE REPETITION OF STANDARD THEME CALLING FOR LATIN AMERICAN SOLIDARITY TO DEFEAT US IMPERIALISM. NO MENTION OF FUTURE UN ACTIONS NOR PUERTO RICAN STATUS PLEBISCITE APPEAR IN PRESS ACCOUNTS OF RALLIES. (DRAFTED BY RICHARD THURMAN) FERCH

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